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For: BODY FLUID ABSORBENT WEARING ARTICLE

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached:

- New Figures 5 and 6
- Replacement Figure 1
- Petition w/Exhibits A-C

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$ 88 =	\$0
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Respectfully submitted,

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